



Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council
2260 Sierra Road East
Helena, Montana 59602

RESOLUTION: 10-003

**A RESOLUTION SETTING MONTANA PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER
ANNUAL FIREARMS PROFICIENCY STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training "POST" Council is charged with setting requirements for Montana Public Safety Officers Certification as defined in 44-4-401, MCA, and;

WHEREAS, the POST Council has the responsibility to set employment and training standards for Montana Public Safety Officers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council that the attached firearms proficiency requirements are the current official State wide annual qualification standard for all Public Safety Officers that carry one of the listed firearms during their work assignments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. Each agency will be responsible to ensure that MT "POST" Certified Firearms Instructor oversees the proficiency standard.
2. Each agency must maintain a record of officers who have successfully completed this requirement.
3. This qualification must be completed within a 12 month cycle from the initial date of completing the requirement.

Dated this 15 day of April, 2010.



Winnie Ore, Council Chair
Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and
Training Council

Attest:



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Administrative Assistant to the Council

Firearms Proficiency Requirements for all Public Safety Officers

(a) Each agency that employs Public Safety Officers that are authorized to carry firearms shall:

- (1) require each Public Safety Officer it employs who carry firearms during their work assignment to successfully complete the current firearms proficiency requirements at least once each year;
- (2) designate a MT "POST" certified agency firearms instructor to be responsible for the documentation of annual firearms proficiency. The documentation for each officer shall include:
 - (i) date of qualification;
 - (ii) identification of officer;
 - (iii) firearms manufacturer, model and serial number;
 - (iv) results of qualifying; and
 - (v) course(s) of fire used.
- (3) Keep on file and in a format readily accessible to the Council a copy of all records of this proficiency.

(b) The minimum standards for the annual firearms proficiency course(s) of fire shall be established around the following required minimums:

- (1) handguns - a minimum of 30 rounds, fired at ranges from point-blank to 15 yards with a minimum of 15 rounds at or beyond seven yards;
- (2) shotguns - a minimum of five rounds fired at a minimum range of 15 yards;
- (3) precision rifles - a minimum of 10 rounds fired at a minimum range of 100 yards;
- (4) patrol rifles - a minimum of 20 rounds fired at a minimum range of 50 yards;
- (5) fully automatic weapons - a minimum of 30 rounds fired at ranges from seven to 10 yards, with a minimum of 25 rounds fired in full automatic (short bursts of two or three rounds), and a minimum of 5 rounds fired semi-automatic.

(f) The minimum passing percentile for the annual firearms proficiency shall be 80% for each firearm on an IPSC Official Target or dimensional equivalent.

(g) The passing percentile required for the Montana Law Enforcement Basic Firearms Qualification Course shall be set by the Academy. In no case may the Academy passing percentile be lower than the POST annual firearms standard.